Conversion of Extension Counters of Punjab and Sind Bank into Full-fledged Branch

1899. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of FI NANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Large Number of Extension Counters of Punjab and Sind Bank in Delhi have already crossed their deoosits limit prescribed for their conversion into full-fledged branch offices as per existing guidelines of RBI;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the extension Counter in Shalimar Bagh area has secured leading position in its deposit receipts since March, 1996;

(d) whether Government propose to convert this counter into a full-fledged Branch providing wider scope of services to be availed of by account-holders; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent available.

Medical Facilities to be provided in the Poly Clinic at C-4 Block, Janakpuri, New Delhi

1900. SHRI VISHNU KANT SHASTRI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a multi storeyed building has been constructed in C-4 Block, Janakpuri, New Delhi, to start Poly Clinic for providing various medical facilities to CGHS beneficiaries;

(b) if so, the details of the medical facilities to be provided; and

(c) by when Government propose to start the Poly Clinic in the said building which has been ready for the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI):'(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The medical facilities proposed to be provided are the same as are presently provided at the Janakpuri 'A' Block polyclinic-cum-dispensary, namely, services of specialists in Medicine, Gynaecology & Skin as also Laboratory facilities for conducting biochemical/ pathological tests. Full-fledged dispensary would also function in the same premises.

(c) The possession of the said building is yet to be handed over to CGHS. On getting possession, the polyclinic could be started.

Leper Population in India

1901. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details on the leper population in the country;

(b) state-wise break up thereof;

(c) whettter there has been no significant decline in the number of lepers in the country; and

(d) in what way, Government propose to tackle this continuing problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM QBAL SHERVANI): (a) and (b) The details of leprosy popolation in India, State-wise is given as statement *(see* below).

(c) and (d) There has been decline in prevalence of leprosy from 57 per 10,000 population in 1981 to 5.9 per 10,000 population in 1996 which is due to the effective implementation of the national Leprosy Eradication Programme. There has been decline in the Number of lepers in the country. District Leprosy Societies have been formed under the Chairman-

ship of District Collectors. All the 490 districts have been sanctioned funds for providing free- treatment to all leprosy patients. All States/Union Territories are being supplied anti-leprosy drugs free of cost.

Statement *Statewise number of Leprosy cases in India*

SI. No	State/UT	Cases on record as on 3/96
1.	Andhra Pradesh	45522
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	554
3.	Assam	13140
4.	Bihar	85320
5.	Goa	386
6.	Gujarat	13666
7.	Haryana	509
8.	Himachal Pradesh	2331
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	1984
10.	Karnataka	18655
11.	Kerela	9204
12.	Madhya Pradesh	57437
13.	Maharashtra	29432
14.	Manipur	763
15.	Meghalaya	1181
16.	Mizoram	151
17.	Nagaland	1661
18.	Orissa	54831
19.	Punjab	1324
20.	Rajasthan	7574
21.	Sikkim	1008
22.	Tamil Nadu	43211
23.	Tripura	820
24.	Uttar Pradesh	89256
25.	West Bengal	60000
26.	A & N Islands	157
27.	Chandigarh	253
28.	D & N Haveli	244
29.	Daman & Diu	132
30.	Delhi	9125
31.	Lakshadweep	34
32.	Pondicherry	404
	Total	549361